

174 dollar the remaining six hundred dollars shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Society of the United Brethren for the furtherance of the Gospel among the Heathen which Society is established in Salem Stokes County North Carolina for the use of the Mission of the United Brethren among the Cherokee Indians. And I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear & beloved wife Anna Maria Gambell and my beloved friends John R. Smith of Spring place Cherokee Nation & Theodore Shultz in Stokes County State of North Carolina jointly & severally Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty second day of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty five -

Signed sealed and delivered by the testator
his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who in his presence have
hereunto signed our names as witnesses

Elyah Hicks
Pro Reg

John Gambell

Stokes County December Jan 1828

The last Will and Testament of John Gambell
deceased being offered for probate was duly proved & admitted to
probate by the order of the Court of one of the Circuit Judges
in the Cherokee Nation and Frederick Leathers having made
oath to the hand writing of the said John Gambell and was
ordered to be recorded

M. R. Moore ca

By C. L. Warner Esq

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The last Will and Testament of George H. Hays of Stokes County
State of North Carolina I George Hays considering the uncertainty of
this mortal life and being weak of body but of sound mind & memory blessed
be Almighty God for the same do make & publish this my last Will and
& Testament in manner & form following that is to say first my will
is that all my just debts be paid & secondly that my burial expenses be
paid, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Hays my
plantation whereon we now live which is by calculation computed
forty one & a half acres of land but the same be more or less during
her life time or during her widowhood then for it to belong to my
eldest son Edwin Hays unless my wife should have an heir on
her in nine months after my departure if any for he she or they
to have any equal share with Edwin Hays as above stated (that is
to say) land, I also give and bequeath unto my said wife the use &
benefit of all my other lands during her widowhood (save the mill
& parcel of land attached to it) or until the youngest child arrives
to the age of twenty one years then for it to be equally divided between
my son Edwin & other child or children if any as above stated -
Also my will is that my wife shall if she chooses have my half
of the above ^{state} mill & lands attached to it until my youngest child
arrives at the age of twenty one years then for it to be equally divided
amongst my children unless my wife or executors think it most
advisable to sell it if so for it to be sold to brother Charles Hays
for the just & full sum of three hundred dollars currency of the
United States of America, should my wife keep it until my
youngest child becomes of age then for it to be equally divided
among my children should she or my Executors sell it as above
stated for my wife to have the interest of said money until
my children may arrive at the age of twenty one years then
for the principal to be divided among my children - My will
is also for my wife if she should marry for her to have
what she may by her own labor until ^{fully} for her share to
have what her father gave her when married or may hereafter
give her. Also my will is that my wife shall have all my
household and kitchen furniture except beds or she does not
have need for the bedding for my Executors to sell the
by my personal property & for my wife to have the use of the
money until my children becomes of lawful age then for it to go
to them My will is that my widow shall have the interest of
all the money that I have owing to me during her widow-
hood or until the children becomes of age then for my children

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 To have an equal division of the same And lastly I do
 hereby ordain & appoint my brother Thomas & Charles Lewis Names
 my sole Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby
 revoking all former wills by me made in writing and now
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal this second day of October
 Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight
 signed sealed published & declared
 by the above named George Massey
 to be his last will & Testament in the
 presence of us who have hereunto
 subscribed our names as witnesses
 in the presence of the Testator

George Massey
 Mark

David Fry

David Douthett Secy.

Attles County December Term 1838

The execution of the last will and Testament
 of George Massey dec'd was duly proven in open Court by the
 oath of David Douthett and was ordered to be recorded

M. R. Moore c
 By C. L. Parnum Secy

~~The~~ Noncupative Will of Jane Harper dec'd

The request of your departed mother as made to me was that
 each of her daughters should have a bed and bed clothing that
 Thomas should have a coat that has been called his and the three
 other boys are to have ten dollars each, After these divisions are
 made & the debts are paid the remaining property to be equally divided
 in equal proportion to each, Taken by request of the late named
 Jane Harper on the day of her Death August 3^d AD 1829
 By G. F. Wilson

Attles County December Term 1828

The noncupative will of Jane Harper dec'd of
 which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by
 G. F. Wilson & ordered to be recorded

M. R. Moore c
 By C. L. Parnum Secy

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 The Noncupative Will of John Ridings dec'd

The request of John Ridings dec'd respecting his property made
 to me on the second day of October one thousand eight hundred and
 twenty eight. was that Nancy his wife should keep the house and land
 (except the portion herein after mentioned to be allotted to Matilda his eldest
 daughter as soon as she becomes married) so long as she remains my
 widow with this consideration that each of the remaining children are
 to have their portions as soon as they respectively are to the age of
 sixteen & twenty one, One beaver & 2 grey mare called Splains

Matilda my eldest daughter is to have one hundred acres of land
 laid off from the lower or south part of my plantation and if she
 one hundred acres should not include a certain spring that
 will be situated near it she is to have she is to have sufficient
 land from the remainder to make a good road to get to it.
 & enough at the spring to build a house on & room for its conveni-
 ence she is to have one bed & bedding one beaver one glass of
 table & a black walnut corner cupboard my male slave to be
 sold to help pay my debts together with the property out of above
 & one piece of land and all that can be spared in the house
 if required My female slave to be returned to Davis
 Surret of whom I purchased her. Done by the request of
 John Ridings on the day and date above mentioned
 G. F. Wilson

Attles County December Term 1828

The Noncupative will of John Ridings
 being offered for probate was duly proven by G. F. Wilson and
 ordered to be recorded

M. R. Moore c
 By C. L. Parnum Secy